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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Jan-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 01/06/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/30/00
BRO-FRY	128,312	124,115
LT HENS	1,478	1,318
HVY HENS	1,174	745

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEKS ENDING 23-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	497	0	497
LAST WEEK	361	0	361
SAME WK YR AGO	348	0	348
TO DATE 2000	22,753	387	23,140
TO DATE 1999	23,188	282	23,470

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,861	1,176	3,037
LAST WEEK	2,261	1,202	3,463
SAME WK YR AGO	2,042	1,052	3,094
TO DATE 2000	118,395	73,350	191,745
TO DATE 1999	128,362	73,049	201,411

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 30-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	116,494 (A)	1,359	719	2,078
AVG WT	4.87	3.99	8.19	5.44
LAST WEEK	148,274	1,364	1,176	2,540
SAME WEEK YR AGO	127,584	1,596	980	2,576
AVG WT	4.89	3.42	6.98	4.77
TO-DATE/2000	7,936,807	97,001	73,682	170,683
TO-DATE/1999	7,786,836	106,770	73,747	180,517

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 137.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 117.9 million head or 86 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 23, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	24,254	21,621	25,187
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	4.72	6.05
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	30%	35%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	21,441	16,824	32,773
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	4.76	6.31
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	24%	46%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	23,672	18,799	23,907
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.81	6.20
% OF TOTAL /1	36%	28%	36%
TO DATE/2000	1,646,591	1,643,082	2,047,819
TO DATE/1999	1,605,968	1,555,193	2,050,839

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-DEC-00  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	993	1,585	13	11	2,602
AVG WT	15.35	36.40	24.13	32.29	28.29
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,989	2,660	57	20	4,726
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,103 (C)		34	30	5,167
AVG WT	27.08 (C)		24.91	26.87	27.06
TO-DATE/2000	252,691 (C)		1,827	1,276	255,794
TO-DATE/1999	251,097 (C)		795	1,946	253,838

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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